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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE IMMEDIATE 6990

AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ISTANBUL IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE

REF: SOFIA 1195 (NOT SENT ISTANBUL)

1. DUTCH EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH SUBSTANCE OF NOTE SENT BY MFA SEPTEMBER 7 REGARDING MEASURES TAKEN TO CONTROL HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE IN THRACE.

2. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL PRIVATE TRAVEL TO AND FROM BULGARIA, GREECE AND TURKEY IS BANNED. SERVICE TRIPS (PRESUMABLY BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS) WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY BY AIR. TRANSIT TRAVEL THROUGH BULGARIA BY AUTOMOBILE, BUS AND TRUCK WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY IN CONVOY UNDER CONTROL BULGARIA OFFICIALS WITHOUT DEVIATION FROM MAIN ROUTES AND WITHOUT STOPS. TRANSIT TRAFFIC BY RAIL WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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DEBARKATION FROM TRAIN. ALL TRANSIT TRAFFIC IS SUBJECT TO

OBLIGATORY DISINFECTION. THE BULGARIAN BORDER POINT AT
MALKO TURNOVO IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COPY OF NOTE BY MFA
DUTY OFFICER TOLD US SEPTEMBER 10 THAT BAN ON TRAVEL

HAS EFFECTIVELY CLOSED GREECE AND TURKISH BORDERS TO ALL
AUTO AND RAIL TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HE CONFIRMED

THAT BAN APPLIES TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AS WELL.

3. FOR THESSALONIKI: THREE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES (COL. HURST,
SGT. SPEDDEN AND ADRIAN KORPAL) PRESENTLY IN GREECE.
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO CONTACT THEM (PERHAPS
CITY HOTEL) TO HAVE THEM TELEPHONE SOFIA ASAP.
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